



NEWS RELEASE

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Work Resumes on North Market Street Project

Redding -- The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has resumed work on the North Market Street rehabilitation project on State Route (SR) 273 in Redding. The project limits are from the Downtown Mall at Market and Tehama Streets to the connection of Interstate 5 and SR 273 in north Redding. Work on this \$10.8 million project is being conducted by JF Shea, Inc. of Redding and includes the following improvements:

- **NORTH MARKET STREET BRIDGE:** Grinding, polyester concrete overlay and striping. This stage of the project will require detours. Grinding and overlay from Trinity Street to the bridge.
- **NORTH MARKET STREET BRIDGE TO LAKE BOULEVARD:** Widening, digouts, overlay and drainage rehabilitation. Median islands will be reconstructed, mid-block turn lanes will be removed, pedestrian crossings will be improved and signals will be upgraded. Once the project is complete, turning opportunities will only be available at Quartz Hill Road, Arboretum Drive and Benton Drive.
- **NORTH MARKET STREET/LAKE BOULEVARD:** Improvements include the construction of a paved bike/pedestrian connection, improvements to westbound, eastbound and northbound turn lanes, corner rounding and the addition of a northbound auxiliary lane on North Market Street from Lake Boulevard to Twin View. Median islands will also be constructed.
- **LAKE BOULEVARD TO INTERSTATE 5:** Roadway widening, grinder digouts, asphalt overlay and drainage rehabilitation. The median will be changed from gravel to natural grasses. Signal upgrades at Caterpillar Road, which the City of Redding is helping to finance.
- **STATE ROUTE 273/INTERSTATE 5:** The deck on the Churn Creek Bridge on Interstate 5 will be widened.
- **SHASTA STREET TO EUREKA WAY:** Full reconstruction of the pavement and roadway was completed last season.
- Decorative median lighting will be installed and paid for by the Redding Redevelopment Agency. Signal and light poles will be painted to match projects on Cypress Avenue and Eureka Way. The City of Redding will maintain the lighting and landscape.

The work will be conducted at various times during day and night hours. Motorists are asked to drive cautiously and look for construction personnel. For more information please contact Resident Engineer Jim Wood at 225-3160 or the Public Information Office at 229-0511.

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